

SENATE RESOLUTION 159

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tony and Oneda Whalen on the celebration of their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1962, Tony Whalen and Oneda Barger were joined in holy matrimony at Childs Memorial Baptist Church, with the late Reverend J.L. Jenkins officiating; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Tony and Oneda Whalen have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Tony Whalen is the son of the late O.W. and Hazel Whalen, and Oneda Whalen is the daughter of the late Roy and Ellen Barger; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced one daughter, Eleda Burgess, who, along with husband Doug Burgess, has given her parents a beloved granddaughter, Rachel Burgess; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-five years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Whalens' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tony and Oneda Whalen on the celebration of their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.